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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

May 6, 2009

Mr. Michael J. Erickson
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SR-6J

RE: Revised Kalamazoo River SRI Phase 2 Soil and Sediment
Core Work Plan - Crown Vantage Landfill Area

Dear Mr. Erickson:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has completed its review of the revised Kalamazoo River SRI Phase 2 Soil and Sediment Core Work Plan - Crown Vantage Landfill Area for the Allied Paper, Inc./Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund Site.

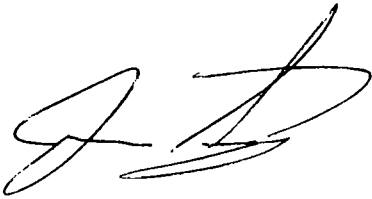
This revised work plan proposes additional sampling in the low-lying area between the Crown Vantage Landfill and the Kalamazoo River in response to previous EPA observations of paper-making residuals in this area. Further, the plan was revised per a March 16, 2009, teleconference with representatives of EPA, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and Georgia-Pacific (GP).

The revised plan incorporates all of EPA's previous comments with one exception. In the March 16, 2009, teleconference GP agreed not to freeze cores for grain size analysis. The revised plan does not reflect this agreement. The October 2007 Field Sampling Plan Standard Operating Procedure F-14 specifically addresses the freezing of samples for PCB analysis and biota only.

Therefore, EPA approves the revised Kalamazoo River SRI Phase 2 Soil and Sediment Core Work Plan - Crown Vantage Landfill Area. Per the October 2007 Field Sampling Plan grain size analysis must be conducted before the cores are frozen.

Please contact me at (312) 886-0992 if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JS' with a stylized flourish.

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